LOSS \$1,500,000 TO \$2,000,000.

HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM.

Thrilling and Terrific Scenes.

CARNIVAL OF SLAUGHTER.

Frightful Combats of the Beasts.

Lions, Tigers, Whales and Boa Constrictors Perishing in the Flames.

Immense and Excited Crowds.

excited thousands, attracted to the spot by the rapidly eut from the Museum and spreading in every direction.

could not be ascertained. The first and fifth floors were fortunately there were not many persons in the building at the time; if there had been. a number of lives must have been lost, so rapidly did the confiagration of prefessional men.

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THE SCENE

was pleturesque and assisting; the finance spread with great rapidity, rushing out of the windows and doors and from belond the large transparencies placed on the halony, which were speedly removed by the hooks of the firemer.

EXILOSION OF A BOLLE.

As the fire progressed, the heat became intense. The crowd of spectators steadily increased, and ind completely filted all the streets in the vicinity, when a boiler inside of the building burst, causing the vant through to run to allipoints of the corr pass. Many men, women and children were knocked down, and one poor mortal was thrown on his back, while a dozen others stembled over him, almost killing him. Finding himself in a dangerous predicament, and not being able to be found. This was the case with about one hundred others who were there, as it was soon afterward discovered that in the rush nearly every man had lost his bead-piece.

EAID ON HAYE.

After diligent searching about a score of the capital coverings were found, but in such a wet, crushed and dirty condition as not to be fit to wear.

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descriptions were carried down Fulton st., from White's damage. were fortunate in getting, two or three, and those who saves did not procure them in that way bought from those The who had more than they needed.

THE POLICE.

Capt. De Camp of the Second Precinct with a detachment of men was early on the ground, and seeing
the probability of an extensive fire, telegraphed at
once to the Central Office for help. In a short time de
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Lines were at once formed and none but the firemen and members of the pass allowed to pass through. All \$3,000. The upper part of Nos. 1 and 6 was occupied the first floor for gaged in deadly struggle with the lioness.

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Joseph McCord and John Nefosser were arrested for ealing hats from Knox's store.

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All the above were confined in the Second Precinct Station-House.

The following were arrested by Officers McGloin. McGuire and Dwyer of the Third Precinct, and Offieer Dowdell of the Tombs Police Coart, and confined the throngs who had collected in front of the burning in the Third Precinct Station-House: Henry Jackson, building, and who were at first under the impression George Douglass, James Smith, Godfrey Mish, Henry that the sounds must proceed from human beings un- with the rushing and steaming water. The whale died Mursken, James Clancy and James Leonard for pick- able to effect their escape. Their anxiety was some- pretty easily, having been pretty well used up before. | 12p of Moll Pitcher, the Pather of his Country led the ing pockets, stealing goods, etc. Leonard, at the time | what relieved on this score, but their consternation A few great gasps and a convulsive flap or two of his of his arrest, had in his possession a piece of cloth, several hats, a reficule, two valises, two pieces of flamel room in question was the principal chamber of the other arrival arrest and a number of the saligators was killed almost

Robert and James Welsh, brothers, for having robbed confined, by the action of the flames. John W. Sherman, residing at No. 196 Fulton-ave., Brooklyn, of a gold watch, while he was standing in Park-row looking at the fire. The property was recovered, and the prisoners locked up.

Of course the thieves and pickpockets would not al-Consty. New-York, was relieved of a gold watch what followed, in his own language: valued at \$200.

THE LOSSES AND INSURANCES.

Owing to the confusion it is, of course, impossible to more than approximate the losses and insurances. We conclude the total loss by the fire must be \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. We give the following losses and insurce in addition to those mentioned above:

Wholesale Plunder and Pocket-Picking.

No. 206. The first floor was occupied by G. W. White, hatter. He succeeded in removing a perion of his stock. His loss will amount to about \$12,000. Insured for \$15,000, mostly in city companies.

No. 214. The first floor was occupied by P. L. Rogers, Sans, as a clothing warshouse. The Insurance Patron succeeded in removing a perion of the stock; loss about \$25,000. Insured for \$35,000 in the following Companies. Bowers, Phonix, Atlantic of Brooklyn, Montauk, New-Amsterdam, Indemnity, and Home of New-Haver, \$25,000 each; Yonkers and New-York, and Moris, \$2,000 each; Yonkers and New-York, and Worley was occupied by Mr. Hince are restaurant, the alarm. The fire companies turned out promptly, and Park-row and Broadway were soon through with eacher the promption of the stock. His loss and the second floor as a billiard saloon, in which were 12 fine billiard tables; total loss \$10,000. The basement was occupied by Mr. Hince are a restaurant, the alarm. The fire companies turned out promptly, and Park-row and Broadway were soon through with each of the stock in a total loss; probably \$30,000 would not cover it.

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No 242. The basement was occupied by William Branch as a diping salcon; loss, \$2,500. The second spreading report that Barnum's Museum was on fire.

Branch as a diving salcon, loss, \$2,500. The second floor was occupied by B. H. Horn, optician; loss, by fire and water, \$1000—insured, but to what amount out from the Museum and spreading in every direction.

Bothen looked the safe, and after ascertaining that no ope was left in the building, he in turn left.

At this moment the flames rolled again into the room. low and near.

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Patrick Henry had his teeth knowled out by a flying building on the Park, in the rear of the present City named. Jumes Carran, Thomas Newton, George Thompson, no one was left in the building, he in turn left.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1865.

URAS LOUIN DAILY TRIBUNE, PHIDAY, JULY 14, 1802

Mr. Hurd estimates that \$300,000 would not cover

number of strange and terrible howls and moans pro- feebly swim about, though blowing excessively, and attempt at rescue. ceeding from the large apartment in the third story of every now and then sending up great fountains of the Museum, corner of Ann-st. and Broadway, startled spray. Officer Kinney of the Twenty sixth Precint, arrested was imminent danger of the release of the animals there

OUR REPORTER'S VISION OF LIFE AND DEATH. Our reporter fortunately occupies a room on the north side of Ann-st., corner of Brosaway, the windows of which look immediately into this compartment; and no sooner was he apprised of the fire than he repaired low such an opportunity to pass without plying their there confident of finding "items" in abandance, trade to the atmost, and doubtless numbers of the spectack of the minutes of the Eccentricities of Blazing Monkeys, breast plus. Mr. Daniel Stewart of Johnstown, Fulton of the apartment. The following is his statement of sparks and cinders to the very heavens.

could by taking the mattress from the bed and erecting | baking brown, it as a bulwark before the window, with only enough space reserved on the top as a look-out, I anxiously observed the animas in the opposite room. Immedithe building, taking fire and making impromptu canately opposite the window through which I gazed, was dies on a colossal scale. a large cage containing a lion and lioness. To the and a "happy family" of rats, jeats, adders, rabbits. etc., in the lower compartment.

partially hidden from my sight, was the grand tank heard from behind the petition.

PROGRESS OF THE PLAMES. The conflagration was, as yet, confined to the upper part of the building. The lower walls, however, were ecoming rapidly heated, and all of the animals began to manifest, much uneasiness. The white or silver for ran up and down his eage, whining pitcously and endeavoring to escape. The lions also paced burriedly up and down, meaning most dismally, and all the other stuck their heads up above the sill of the window and

writhed about in strange contortions. some of the doors, the paste among the beasts become time sending forth savage and frightened cries which were almost human in their agony. At length, when from the doomed brutes, which were heard to the dis

With a simultaneous bound, the lion and his mate sprang against their bars, which gave way and came stood in the middle of the floor lashing their sides with . their tails and roaring delefally

animals were thus set fread smoke rolled in like a waighwind from the Hadean

THE LION AND THERE IN CLOSE CONTEST.

A horrible howl in the right hand corner of the room, photographs, beside the entrance to the Minerum He saved almost all bis stock.

The New York Optical Instrument Company occupied that the tiger and point bear were the first floor on the Ann-st, side. The stock was to tally destroyed, loss \$5,000.

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combat.

PARTICIPATION OF THE SERPENTS.

were by this time suffering dreadful torments. The missile, and in carrying Daniel Lambert'down stairs water in which they swam was literally boiling. The he was found to be so large that they had to break off James Kirby. John Spencer. John Sullivan, John the loss on the centents of the Museum building, which alligators dashed fiercely about endeavoring to escape, his head in order to get him through the door, and opening and shutting their great jaws in ferocious. At length the heat became intense, the torture; but the poor whale, almost boiled, with great began to perspire freely, and the swiftly approaching Soon after the breaking out of the conflagration, a picers bursting from his blubbery sides, could only flames compelled all hands to desist from any further

cases, and whale and alligators rolled out on the floor,

One of the alligators was killed almost immediately menagerie connected with the Museum, and that there by falling across a great fragment of shattered glass, which cut open his stomech and let out the greater part of his entrails to the light of day. The remaining alligator became involved in a controversy with an other. The next moment the advancing sames comanneouds and joined the meles in the center of the blazing spartment.

CLOSE OF THE THRILLING SCENE.

At this moment the floor, undermined by flame, gave

Before the whale went down with the rest, a stream of spermaceti ran from his carcase down the sides of

PREAKS OF MONKEYS, ETC.

A number of the birds which were caged in the upper onkers at the top, two kangaroos in the second story, part of the building were set free by some charitably they flew out. There were many valuable tropical birds—parrots of all sizes and manifold colors, porro- A carriage of extraordinary capacity was in readiness, the two vast alligators, and still further to the left, quets, cockatoos, mocking birds, humming birds, etc., quets, cockatoes, mocking birds, humming birds, etc., and, entering this, the young hely was drives away to a well as some vultures and cagles, and one condor, a hotel. containing the great white whale, which has created Great excitement existed among the awaying crowds such a furore in our sight-seeing midst for the past few in the streets below as they took wing. There were coils, appeared an eagle and a serpent wreathed in and damaging manner. fight. For a moment they hang poised in mid-nir, presenting a novel and terrible conflict. It was the Earth ripped with magnificent miscellaneousnes, and dozens soarer, were engaged in deadly battle. At length the the flat head of the serpent sank, his writhing, sincous form grew still, and, wafted upward by the cheers easts manifested similar uneasiness. The serpents triumph, and bearing his prey in his iron talons, soured

to the neighboring roofs and streets; a considerable ex-

citement was caused by the attempts to secure them. One of the most amusing incidents in this respect was in connection with Mr. James Gordon Bennett. The secun into Annest, and then made his way into Nassau. office, with his back to the open window, calmly discoming with a friend the chances that The Hereld establishment would escape the configration, which at renced to lick the tops of the cares, the tumult reached that time was threateningly advancing up Ann-st, toits hight. Yells, roors, howis and screams went up ward Nassau. In the course of his conversation, Mr. walked quietly along to the Custom-House, ascended tablishment of the kind in the world. Not only did it Bennett observed: "However, though I have usually had good lack in cases of fire, they say that the devil is from his friend Interrupted him, and turning quickly. he was considerably taken aback at seeing the devil down with a great crash, releasing the beasts, which for himself, or something very like him at his very shoulder a moment, apparently amaged at their sudden liberty, as he spoke. Recovering his equanimity, with the case and sunvity which is sound with him in all company, Mr. B. was about to address the intruder when he perblack was nothing more than a frightened ourang triumphed once more. three-storied cage, consumed by the Games, all for- ontang. The poor creature, but recently released from ward, letting the rods drop to the floor and the captivity, and doubtless thinking that he might fill some then by in the editorial corps of the paper in question, had decorded by the water-pipe and instinctively taken refuse in the inner sanctum of the establishment of the

saw nothing peculiarly strange in the visitation-soon reguined his composure, it was far otherwise with his sharpened pencils came next, followed by a dozen pelicemen with brandished clubs; at the same time, the engineer in the basement received the preconcerted

corrillas, Brazilian apes, and chimpanzees.

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

At length the heat became intense, the "figgers'

Throwing a parting glance behind as we passed down

the stairs, we saw the remaining dignituries in a strange plight. Some one had stuck a elgar in Gen. Washington's mouth, and thus, with his chapeau crushed down over his eyes, and his head reclining upon the ample van of as sorry a band of patriots as not often comes within one's experience to see. Gen. Marion was playing a dummy-game of poker with Gen. Lafayette; Gov. Morris was baying a set to with Nathan Lane, and James Madison was executing a Dutch polks with Madam Roland on one arm and Lucretia Borgia on the

We believe that all the living curiosities were saved,

but the

FAT WOMAN, Mrs. Anna Swann, was only resented with the ut-

her bulky frame could obtain a passage. It was like-wise feared that the stairs would break down, even if she should reach them. Her bost friend, the living CONFUSION AND STRUGGLE IN THE MENAGERIE.

White-hot square of sheet-iron, with all the hair burned seried her, while, as the heat grow in intensity, the me twelve dollars and a half a week to support my seried her, while, as the heat grow in intensity, the me twelve dollars and a half a week to support my necessary and the intensity of the inte rivalets, which pattered musically upon the floor. At length, as a last resort, the employes of the place procured a lofty derrick, which fortunately bappened to be A portion of the wall was then broken off on each side of the window, the strong tackle was got in readiness, over the heads of the people in the street, with 18 men inclined person at the first alarm of fire. At intervals grasping the other extremity of the line, and lowered down from the third story, amid enthusiastic applause.

When the surviving serpents, that were released by such a furore in our sight-seeing midst for the past few in the streets near a the past few works. Upon the floor was eaged the box-constrictors, confined in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents, which also the partial burning of the box in which they were continued in the same room a few serpents. and then rise menacingly through the top of the cage. In the extreme right was the cage entirely shut from a splendid and emblematic sight was presented to the seized with Saint Patrick's aversion to the reptiles, field albinos. fat boys, thin boys, giants, dwarfs, rope. my view at first, containing the Bengal tiger and the wondering and up-gazing throngs. Bursting throngs in such precipitate haste that they knocked each other dancers, "live Yankees," pantomimes, diorames, pane my view at first, containing the Bengal tiger and the wondering and up-gazing throngs. Bursting throngs in such precipitate haste that they knocked each other dancers, "live Yankees," pantomimes, diorames, pane down and trampled on one another in the most reckless ramas, models of Dublin, Paris, Ningare, Jerusalem,

and Air (or their respective representatives) at war for of those who rose from the miry streets, luto which mastery. The base and the lofty, the groveler and the they had been thrown, looked like the disembodied

The snakes crawled on the sidewalk and into Broadway, where some of them died from injuries received. of the gazing multisude, the eagle, with a scream of and others were dispatched by the excited populace. Several of the serpents of the copperhead speaks escaped the fury of the tumultuous masses, and, true to Several monkeys escaped from the burning building their instincts, sought shelter in The World and News

A GENUINE BEAR IN WALL-ST.

veteran editor of The Herald was sitting in his private and down that thoroughtare into Wall, where his ap-

operate for a fall, walked over the side of the steps,

ost him dearly. The appearance of Brain in the street sensibly gether occupying four of the largest buildings in the affected the stock market, and shares fell rapidly; but when he lost his life, in the careless manner we have ceived that what he had taken for the gentleman in described, shares wiveneed again, and the Bulls

Broadway and its crossings have not witnessed a remarks: lenser throng for months than assembled at the fire Barnum's was always popular, but it never Although the editor-perhaps from the fact that he lane and Chambers st, and a great portion stayed there

it was with difficulty pedestriaus or vehicles could pass.

ACTIVITY AMONG THIEVES.

The pickpockets plied their vocation energetically. Various rushes were made, and every time there was a rush, purses and watches wore lost in profusion. Some men had their hats taken from their heads, and the thieves who robbed them went into Knox and White's establishments, stole more, and then had the assurance to sell them to the very persons they had plundered. This was peculiarly like New-York, whose scoundreds surpass in bokiness and energy those of almost any other city in the world.

SYMPATHY WITH BARNUM.

Some men in the crowd appeared glad that the Prince of Shownen was losing money, and expressed themselves freely on the subject. "That's the end of Barnum's Museum," remarked one: "It will be in ashes in an hour," "Thope it will," said a rough-looking it was not the thing itself, however, which creented all its angle that a fittle clap-frag coarsingly in the world.

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it as difficult of identification as the corpse of a passenger who has been suddenly added to the catalogue of railroad murders." The Institution then changed its ame to "Scudder's American Museum," and was conlucted by Mr. John Furzuan, for the benefit of the laughters of Mr. Seudder, who were the actual pe prietors. It cost its founder (Mr. Scudder) perhaps mewhere in the neighborhood of \$30,000, and from e profits of the establishment he had been able to end of its career, however, "Soudder's American Mumm" proved to be a losing concern, and the l anxious to dispose of it. The price asked was \$15,000 It was at this time that the great showman, the untversal Yankee, the mouster-monger, Mr. P. T. Barnem, had his attention directed to the establishment, and first seriously contemplated inaugurating the colossal show which it has since proved under his energetic generally satisfactory description of the manner is which the Museum passed into his postersion can be given than is contained in the following extract from that extraordinary biographical production, "The Life of P. T. Barnum, by Himself:"

Hall. It was then known by the very unp of ending and very indefinite title, "The New-York Institution."

From that location it was removed in 1833 to the ballds

Francis W. Olmstend, a retired merchant, who had a suite of rooms in Park place. How to approach this great man was the question. I was acqueinted with no one who knew him; and to enter his presence without an introduction I considered equivalent to being kicked out of his house. I therefore wrote him a letter informing him that I desired to purchase the Museum collection, and that, although I had no really means, if it could be purchased upon a reasonable credit. I was entirely confident that my tact and experience, affect nost difficulty. There was not a door through which, to a most determined devotion to business, would en-

> bind me in any way, and as tightly as you please: give the a chance to dig out, or scratch out, and I ofther do so or forfeit all the labor and trouble which I may have fucured.""

> This representation, it appears, had the desired effect, and after considerable further negotiation, Museum, on the morning of the 27th of December, 1841. formally passed into the possession of Mr. Barnung Since that period, probably no place on the civilised Globe has contrived to do so much toward keeping enrieslty-loving community on a continual gape of

> Industrious fleas, mermaids, woolly horses, educated and other prominent places, mechanical figures, fancy glass-blowers, knitting-machines, baby-shows, dog-shows, chicken shows, &c., &c., have constantly deployed in regular succession before the eyes of myriads of the rising and risen generations.

"The first thing I did," says Mr. Barnem, in his lecture "How to make Money," "on entering upon the with an ingenious but nuncknowledged artist to print upon the exterior of the building, upon every ave spot of surface, a representation of every bird, beast, blped and quadruped, upon the face of the earth. And, indeed, he followed my injunctions so faithfully that not only did he produce a fac simile of every known bird and beast, but a considerable sprinkling that were decidedly unknown, and which would have put Circler

and Buffon to a vast deal of trouble to classify. From a beginning very humble and insignificant, Some superstitions persons believed him the spirit of Barnum's Museum hall risen under the care, energy a departed Ursa Major, and others of his fraternity and exterprise of its world-renowned enterer, until at welcomed the animal as a favorable omen. The Bear the time of its destruction it probably rivided any esthe steps of the building, and became bewildered as contain an interminable list of natural curiosities. uany a biped bear has done before him. He seemed to living and dead, but the few small rooms which the celever at one's shoulder, and -- Here an exclamation lose his sense of vision, and, no doubt, endeavoring to lection once occupied were successively developed into extensive Exhibition balls, a spanious and e and broke his neck. He anecceded in his object, but it decorated Theater, a Cosmorama saloon, Wax-Figure Gallery, workshops, laboratories and factories, alto

> In view of the fact of his having been frequently taken to task for foisting upon the public such unparal-leled fabrications and humburs as the Feejee Mermaid. the Woolly Horse, Joice Heath, &c., Mr. Barnem

"Apart from the merit of my dramatic performances my permanent collection of curiosities is without doubt abundantly worth the uniform charge of admission to drow so vast a crowd before. There must have been forty thousand people on Broadway, between Maidenland and Chambers at, and a great portion stayed there lane and Chambers at, and a great portion stayed there and Chambers at, and a great portion stayed there and Chambers at, and a great portion stayed there and Chambers at the concourse of people that it was with difficulty pedestrians or vehicles could pass.

It have exhibited the capacitage a reinocctors, grizage bears, ourage oddings, and wast screenis. And I